# **Preparing Missourians to Succeed**

A Blueprint for Higher Education

A new coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri

# Creating the plan

- Assisted by a 36-member steering committee
- Conducted nine public hearings across the state
- More than 100 speakers, including local and state public officials, educators, national higher-education leaders, business owners, students



# Vision

Missouri will be a national leader in providing high-quality postsecondary education that will equip Missourians with the personal and professional skills to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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# Blueprint goals

- Attainment
- Affordability
- Quality
- Research & Innovation
- Investment, Advocacy & Partnerships



#### Goal 1

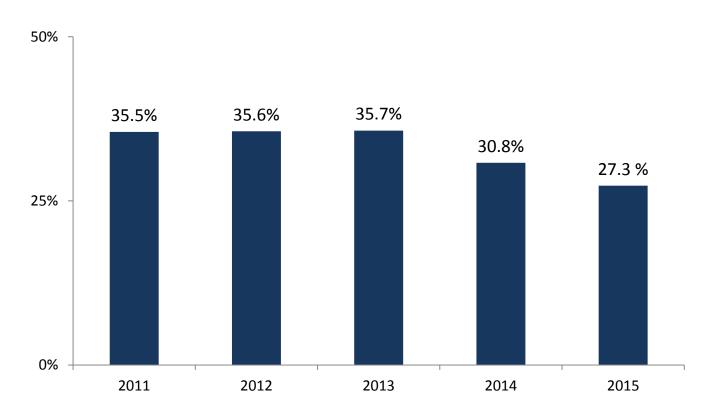
Missouri will increase the proportion of workingage adults with high-quality, affordable

postsecondary credentials to

60 percent by 2025.

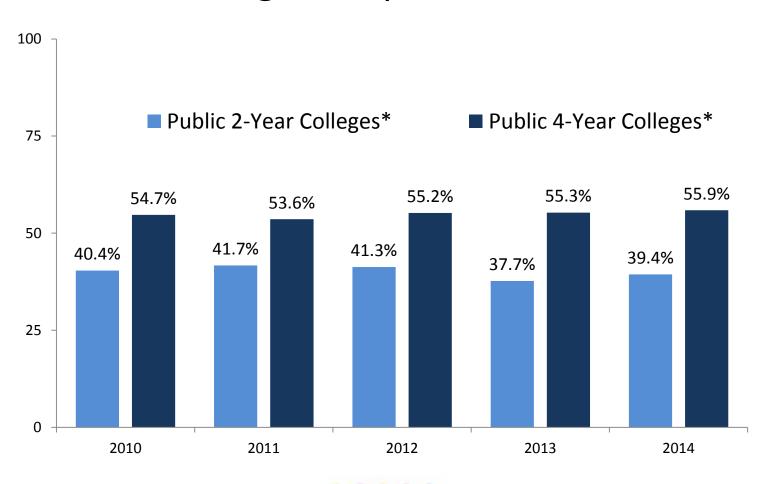


### Public College Remediation Rates





## **College Completion Rates**





# Strategies:

- Implement policies and initiatives to help students earn a credential in less time and at less cost
  - Reform remedial education
  - Expand alternative delivery modes (early college, online, competency-based)
- Raise rates of postsecondary participation/completion
  - Traditional age
  - Adults, including veterans
  - Race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender, disability



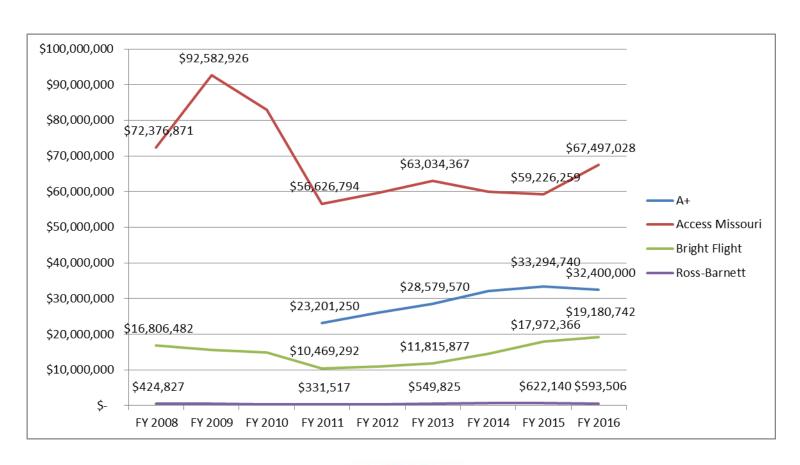
#### Goal 2

Missouri will rank among the 10 most affordable states in which to obtain a postsecondary education.



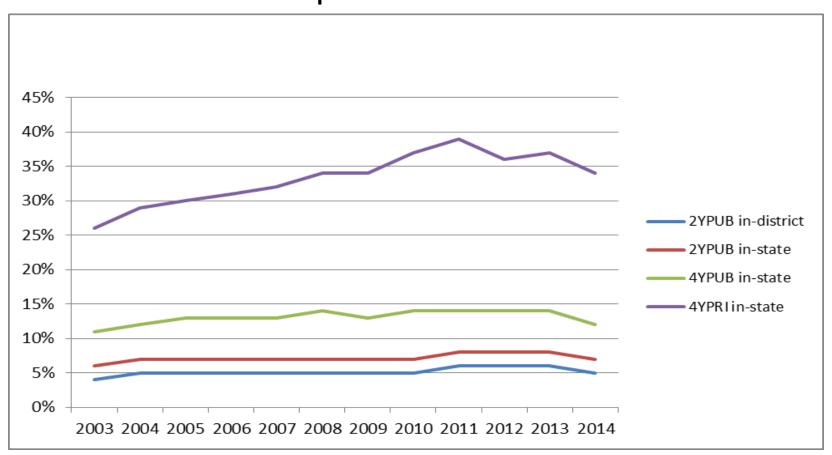


#### State Student Financial Aid





#### Tuition and Fees per Median Household Income





## Strategies:

- Review and recommend changes to the structure of state financial aid programs, including a new state scholarship to assist students with the cost of the first two years of college
- Implement web-based student portal
- Study options for streamlining common college and university administrative functions



#### Goal 3

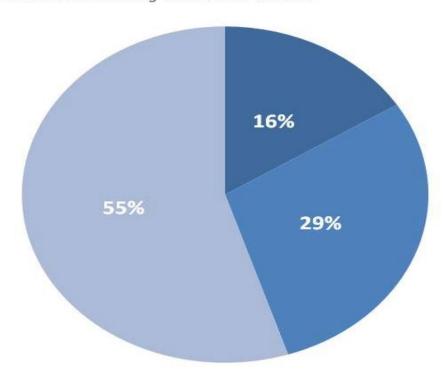
Missouri will produce graduates with highquality postsecondary degrees and certificates that are valuable and relevant to individuals, employers, communities and the state.



### **Employer Desired Knowledge and Skills**

Ranges of knowledge and skills that are more important for recent graduates who want to pursue advancement and long-term career success

- Knowledge and skills that apply to a specific field or position
- A range of knowledge and skills that apply to a range of fields or positions
- Both field-specific knowledge and skills and a broad range of knowledge and skills





# Strategies:

- Increase opportunities for students to participate in more individualized and hand-on learning experiences such as research and internships
- Support establishing the statewide P-20 Council
- Review the structure and governance of Missouri's higher education system
- Partner in a comprehensive review of Missouri's system of career and technical education



# Research & Innovation

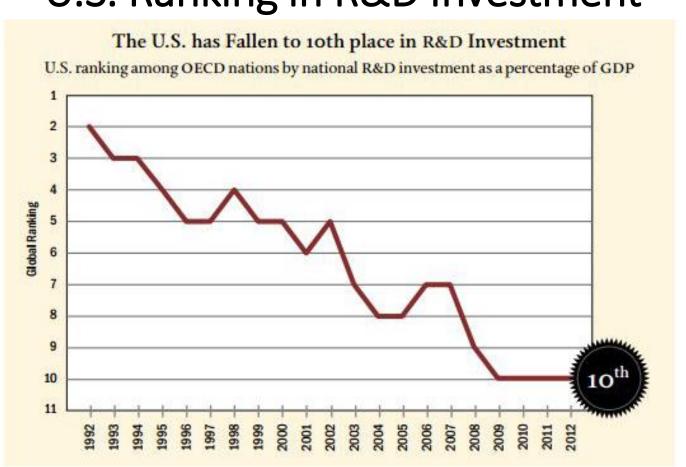
#### Goal 4

Missouri will be a top 10 state for investment in academic research by 2025.





## U.S. Ranking in R&D Investment





# Strategies:

- Strengthen the collaboration between business and education sectors
- Develop a portal to connect researchers across universities
- Establish a matching fund pool for pursuing federal research grants



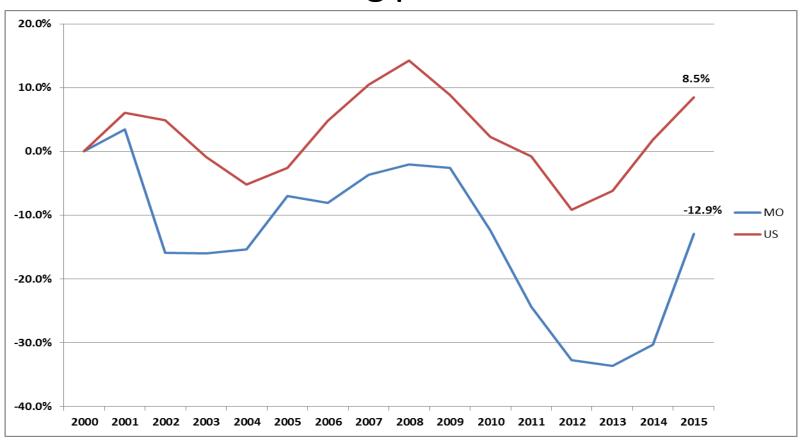
#### Goal 5

Missouri will promote greater investment in a culture of postsecondary education through increased advocacy and powerful partnerships with education, business, government and communities.





### State Funding per FTE Student





# Strategies:

- Establish a statewide independent advocacy group to support and communicate the importance of investing in Missouri's higher-education system
- Develop powerful partnerships between education, business, government and communities



# Implementation

- Prioritize strategies and tactics to focus on manageable set of tasks
- Legislative support
  - Senate Bill 997
- Review existing policies and initiatives for goal alignment
- Regular feedback to CBHE and Steering Committee



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